REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims in Group II (Claims 12-21). Claims 1-11 are withdrawn solely because they are directed to non-elected subject matter. Applicants, thus, reserve the right to reintroduce the withdrawn claims in a divisional application.

Claim Amendment

Claim 16 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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